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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the first paragraph of the application as follows:

This patent application hereby incorporates by reference herein, in its entirety, co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/449,934, filed Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999 for "Medical Electrical Lead Having Variable Bending Stiffness" to Smits now U.S. Pat. No. 6,556,873 ~~having Attorney Docket No. P-8975.~~